

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the present amendment in the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-4, 6-15, 17, and 18 are presently pending in this case. Claims 1, 6-12, and 18 are amended and Claims 5 and 16 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer by the present amendment. As amended Claims 1, 6-12, and 18 are supported by the original claims, no new matter is added.

In the outstanding Official Action, Claim 7 was objected to; and Claims 1-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Suzuki (Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003067289) in view of Fujii (Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2003-242018).

Claim 7 is amended to correct an informality. Accordingly, the objection to Claim 7 is believed to be overcome.

With regard to the rejection of Claims 1, 6-12, 18 as unpatentable over Suzuki in view of Fujii, that rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended Claim 1 recites in part:

transmission means for transmitting user identification information which identifies users, a password, and device identification information which identifies the information processing device to a management device which manages the information processing device, ***said device attribute information including a memory capacity of a storage device in which said service advertisement information is stored;***

receiving means for receiving registration completion information which indicates that said user identification information, said password and said device identification information were associated with each other and registered at said management device;

storage means for storing at least said device identification information; and

control means for controlling said transmission means to transmit device attribute information which indicates the attributes of said information processing device and request information which requests the service advertisement

information in the event that said device identification information is not stored in said storage means,
wherein said receiving means receives the service advertisement information corresponding to said device attribute information in response to said request information.

The above highlighted feature was originally recited in Claim 5. With regard to original Claim 5, the outstanding office action conceded that Suzuki does not teach or suggest this feature and cited Fujii as describing this feature.¹ Paragraph 26 of Fujii only describes that part where information such as processing performance of a sound card, CPU performance, resolution of a display, and a data transfer rate of the hard disk can be sent by a client 10 to a server 16. However, no part of Fujii appears to describe “transmission means for transmitting ... device identification information ... including a memory capacity of a storage device in which said service advertisement information is stored” as recited in amended Claim 1. If the present rejection is to be maintained, it is respectfully requested that an Advisory Action identify the specific portion of Fujii asserted to describe this feature. Thus, as the proposed combination does not teach or suggest “transmission means” as defined in amended Claim 1, Claim 1 (and Claims 2-4 dependent therefrom) is patentable over Suzuki in view of Fujii.

Amended Claims 6 recites in part “transmission means for transmitting user identification information which identifies users, a password, and device identification information which identifies the information processing device to a management device which manages the information processing device, *said device attribute information including information indicating the presence of a battery in the information processing device.*”

As noted above, paragraph 26 of Fujii only describes that part where information such as processing performance of a sound card, CPU performance, resolution of a display, and a

¹See page outstanding Office Action at pages 6-7.

data transfer rate of the hard disk can be sent by a client 10 to a server 16. No part of Fujii appears to describe “transmission means for transmitting ... device identification information ... including information indicating the presence of a battery in the information processing device” as recited in amended Claim 6. If the present rejection is to be maintained, it is respectfully requested that an Advisory Action identify the specific portion of Fujii asserted to describe this feature. Therefore, the proposed combination does not teach “transmission means” as defined in amended Claim 6. Consequently, Claim 6 is also patentable over Suzuki in view of Fujii.

Amended Claim 7 recites in part:

receiving means for receiving from an information processing device user identification information which identifies users, a password, and device identification information which identifies the information processing device,
said device attribute information including a memory capacity of a storage device in which said service advertisement information is stored.

Amended Claims 8-11 recite in part transmitting or receiving device attribute information including a memory capacity of a storage device in which said service advertisement information is stored. Finally, amended Claims 12 and 18 recite a transmitter or a first physical receiver configured to transmit or receive device attribute information including a memory capacity of a storage device in which said service advertisement information is stored. Accordingly, amended Claims 7-12 and 18 (and all claims dependent therefrom) are patentable over Suzuki in view of Fujii for at least the reasons described above with respect to Claim 1.

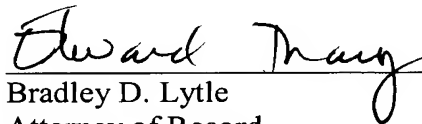
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Accordingly, the pending claims are believed to be in condition for formal allowance.

An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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